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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 69.1 degrees, 1.1 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 2. Precipitation averaged 1.12 inches, this is 0.27 inches more than the historic level. The Southwest district received the most precipitation with 1.71 inches, while the Northwest district received the least at 0.16 inches. Growing degree days were 2 days below normal.

Reporters rated 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, August 31. This is 0.8 days less than last year and 1.4 days less than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 8 percent very short, 26 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	5.2	4.7	101.8
2000	6.0	5.2	92.7
1996-2000 Average	6.6	5.2	102.6

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	8	26	61	5
Last Week	11	31	54	4
Same Week Last Year	1	15	80	4
1996-2000 Average	17	29	52	2

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Reporters estimated that 92 percent of the **Corn** crop is in the dough stage. This is on schedule with last year and five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Fifty-two percent of the corn crop is dented. This is two days behind last year but five days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 13 percent complete. This is two days behind last year but four days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The corn crop is six percent mature. This is five days behind last year and one day behind the 1996-00 average. Thirteen percent of the **Soybean** crop are dropping leaves. This is one day behind last year but one day ahead of the 1996-00 average. Soybeans are three percent mature. This is one day behind last year. **Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 80 percent

complete. This is one day behind last year but eight days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is 14 percent complete. This is nine days behind last year. **Other Hay** second cutting at 96 percent complete is three days ahead of last year but two days behind the five-year average. Other hay third cutting is 53 percent complete. This is eight days ahead of last year and seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 98 percent topped. This is on schedule with last year. Forty-one percent of the tobacco crop has been harvested. This is one day behind last year. **Potatoes** are 51 percent harvested. This is one day behind last year but eight days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Cucumbers** are 78 percent harvested. This is four days behind last year. **Processing Tomatoes** are 33 percent harvested. This is two days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Summer apples** are 84 percent harvested, this is six days behind last year. **Fall and Winter apples** are 10 percent harvested. This is two days ahead of last year. **Peaches** are 86 percent harvested. This is five days behind last year. **Grapes** are five percent harvested.

Activities throughout the state include plowing, mowing ditches, spreading lime, cutting clover seed, waterway construction and preparation, baling hay and straw, repairing equipment, hauling grain and manure, scouting fields for insects and diseases, clipping wheat stubble, seeding CRP filter strips and alfalfa fields, shearing Christmas trees, picking apples, peaches, and grapes, harvesting corn silage, sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, and other vegetables, preparing and attending county fairs.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported insects included soybean aphids, spittle bugs, horse flies, face flies, deer flies, mosquitoes, diamond back moths, spider mites, leaf hoppers, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include crabgrass, giant ragweeds, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state.

Reporters rated 45 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 54 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 56 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. The cooler temperatures and low humidity the past week has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state. Some producers are weaning feeder calves early to give cattle relief from lack of forage availability.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	80	81	68	68	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	14	24	NA	10	NA
Corn dented	52	56	42	36	51
Corn harvested for silage	13	14	10	11	NA
Corn in dough	92	92	87	81	82
Corn mature	6	12	6	2	12
Cucumbers harvested	78	85	NA	67	NA
Fall and Winter apples harvested	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapes harvested	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	96	94	97	92	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	53	42	40	39	NA
Peaches harvested	86	92	NA	75	NA
Potatoes harvested	51	54	42	49	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	33	29	26	18	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	13	14	11	8	NA
Soybeans mature	3	4	NA	NA	5
Summer apples harvested	84	94	NA	81	NA
Tobacco harvested	41	43	NA	17	NA
Tobacco topped	98	98	NA	88	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	12	30	41	13
Previous Week	4	13	29	41	13
Previous Year	2	5	19	45	29
HAY					
Current Week	3	13	31	43	10
Previous Week	8	13	34	38	7
Previous Year	0	3	20	57	20
PASTURE					
Current Week	6	15	34	36	9
Previous Week	9	16	32	34	9
Previous Year	1	4	23	55	17
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	11	30	43	13
Previous Week	3	9	29	45	14
Previous Year	4	9	26	43	18

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.9	-0.9	0.16	-0.55	18.20	0.78	137	-1	2634	159
North Central	68.1	-1.7	0.45	-0.36	14.93	-3.10	132	-6	2593	161
Northeast	65.5	-3.1	1.38	0.49	13.63	-4.64	117	-15	2383	79
West Central	69.7	-0.6	1.16	0.33	23.22	4.40	143	1	2753	187
Central	69.6	-0.8	1.15	0.24	20.27	0.64	140	-2	2770	175
Central Hills	67.6	-1.4	1.07	0.17	17.38	-1.96	129	-5	2534	128
Northeast Hills	66.9	-2.4	1.41	0.43	16.74	-2.47	125	-12	2525	79
Southwest	71.0	-0.5	1.71	0.78	24.37	4.32	151	2	2878	154
South Central	71.7	0.1	1.40	0.62	21.81	2.11	157	8	2908	161
Southeast	69.8	-0.5	1.30	0.46	20.75	1.01	143	1	2701	106
STATE	69.1	-1.1	1.12	0.27	19.45	0.41	139	-2	2682	141

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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